



# MUNICIPAL MONTHLY

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## TOWN SERVICES HOTLINE

DIAL  
**978-929-6600**

## TOWN SERVICES HOTLINE HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday - Thursday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Friday: 8:00 AM - 2:30 PM

## TOWN HALL & HUMAN SERVICES HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Tuesday: 8:00 AM - 7:30 PM  
Wednesday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Thursday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Friday: 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
Saturday - Sunday : Closed

*Town Offices will be closed:  
Monday, Oct. 11, Columbus Day*

## ACTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday-Saturday: 10:30 AM-5:30 PM  
Sunday: 2:00 - 5:00 PM

## TOWN MANAGER'S UPDATE

The Town of Acton will receive \$7,072,733 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to address the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. On September 13th, the Select Board established a process for allocating the ARPA funds. The Board reviewed a draft list of investment priorities from an initial needs assessment and launched a community engagement process to solicit feedback from the public through October 13th. After receiving this feedback the Board will consider voting to approve an ARPA investment plan on October 18, 2021.

There are two ways you can share feedback and any new ideas you have for investing ARPA funds:

- You can fill out a brief survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ARPA-Acton>
- And/or send an email to the Select Board using the following email address: [sb@actonma.gov](mailto:sb@actonma.gov)

To learn more please visit [actonma.gov/ARPA](https://actonma.gov/ARPA)

The Select Board has scheduled the 2022 Annual Town Meeting for Monday, May 16, 2022. The Board has considered comments from the community, town staff, and the report of the Town Meeting Improvements Committee. The later Town Meeting date will provide a better understanding of fourth quarter finances, as well as enhanced coordination with the Acton-Boxborough Regional School District and neighboring community Boxborough.

On September 11th, over 150 community members attended a remembrance ceremony (see photos below) to commemorate the lives lost in the tragic events two decades ago. A special thank you to the members of the 9/11 Committee for their efforts coordinating this profoundly moving ceremony.

Sincerely,  
John S. Mangiaratti  
Town Manager



Photos courtesy of Catherine Bowen

## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



### HEALTH DIVISION

Please welcome **Felix Garcia**, our new Public Health Inspector! Felix is joining us from the City of Lawrence, Inspectional Services where he was a Food Inspector for 7 years. Felix will be assisting us with septic and hazardous materials inspections as well as all other health inspector functions.



### PUBLIC SAFETY

Please welcome **Christian Martinez**, the new Public Safety Dispatcher! Christian previously worked for Worcester Polytechnic Institute. Christian holds a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Worcester State University and is excited to continue his career in public safety here in Acton.



### HUMAN SERVICES

Please welcome **Rose Murphy**, the new Customer Service and Communication Assistant in the Human Services Building! Rose previously worked for the Town of Lincoln in the Water Department and Mass Audubon as Production Editor on Sanctuary magazine. Rose will work closely with all divisions in the Human Services Building, providing support for the Town Services Hotline, and assisting with our social media presence among other responsibilities. She is enjoying her time getting to know her coworkers as well as the visitors in the building. She is a longtime resident of Boxborough.



### PLANNING DIVISION

**Barbara Rhines** joins the Planning Department as the new Cultural Resource Planner. Barbara recently served as the Deputy Town Clerk for the Town of Lincoln. Prior to her municipal experience, Barbara worked in the corporate communications field for the Concord Museum, Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency, and Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston. She is also a writer for Old-House Journal, Old-House Interiors, and Arts & Crafts Homes magazines, writing about architectural history and historical objects and events. Barbara holds a B.A. degree in Art History and a Master's degree in Business Communication and Public Relations.

## PLANNING DIVISION

### Acton History Is All Around - *Barbara Rhines, Cultural Resource Planner*

Acton is a place of living history, even as it innovates for its future. This historical record can be seen in Acton's beautiful historic homes, rural byways, and pre-industrial and industrial-era buildings. And Acton celebrates its pre-contact history (before the arrival of European settlers) through its exploration of the archaeological record and Native Americans' use of the land.

The Historic District Commission and the Acton Historical Commission are part of town government and work to protect these cultural assets. Nonprofit organizations, such as the Acton Historical Society and the Iron Work Farm in South Acton, provide important research and programming on Acton's rich history.

Because October is Massachusetts Archaeology Month, we do a special callout to the ad hoc group, Friends of Pine Hawk. Friends of Pine Hawk researches and educates the public about the 2002 discovery of a trove of Native American artifacts unearthed during the construction of Acton's sewer plant in South Acton. Check out the Friends of Pine Hawk's fall lecture schedule at the Acton Memorial Library's website, Friends of Pine Hawk Events, and/or visit the Library's permanent exhibition about the Pine Hawk area, including artifacts dating back thousands of years.

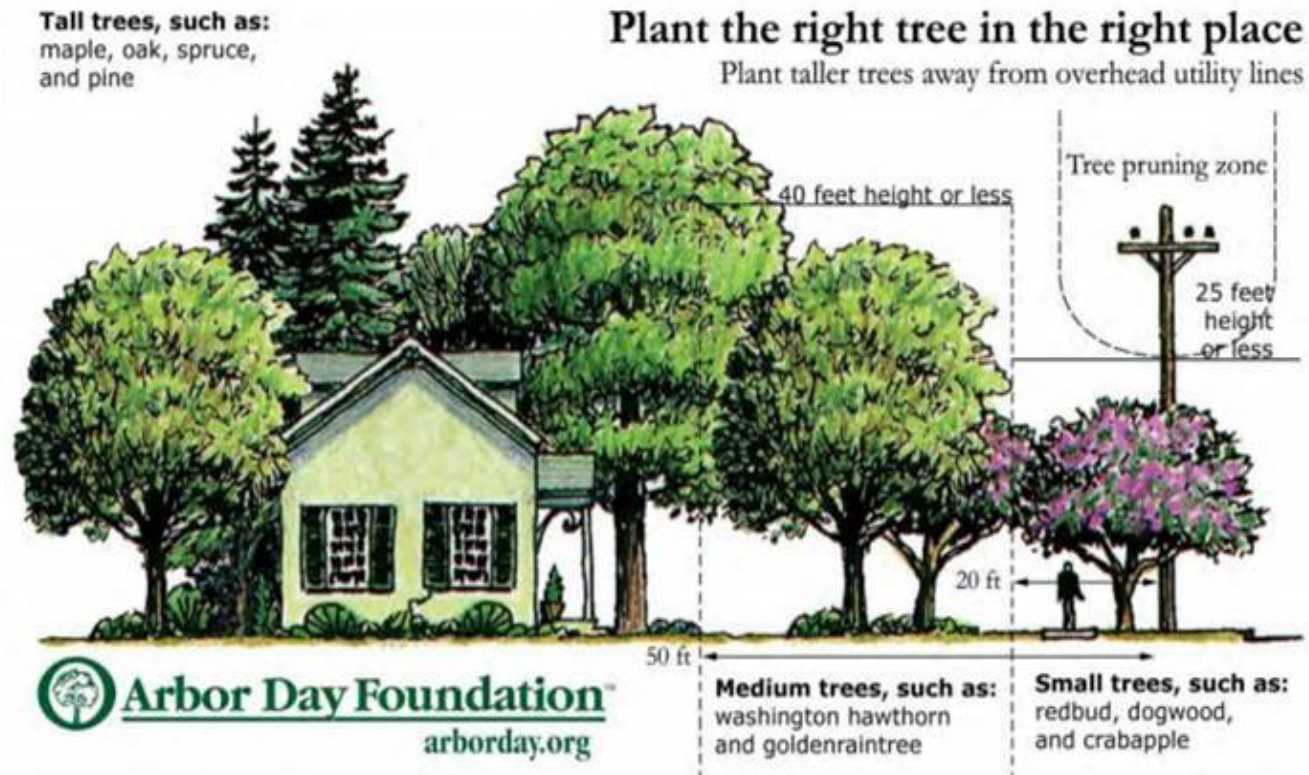
On a beautiful fall day, you might also take a short hike on the Trail Through Time and discover for yourself stone structures from three periods of Acton's history.

## PLANNING DIVISION (CONTINUED)

The 2022 Community Preservation Application period is now open!

Applications are due on November 15th, 2021. Please see the Guidelines for Submission in the Plan and the Word version of the application at the link noted above. <http://doc.acton-ma.gov/dsweb/View/Collection-14179>

### PUBLIC WORKS



# Bag It, **Don't** Blow It!

When leaves, grass clippings and other yard debris are blown onto streets, sidewalks and into storm drains, it eventually will make its way to our lakes. These materials add excess nutrients to the lake and cause water quality issues.



**Never blow leaves into streets, sidewalks, or storm drains**

**DISPOSE OF LEAVES CORRECTLY BY BAGGING, MULCHING OR COMPOSTING**



### **PAVING NOTICE**

#### **Beginning the week of September 24th Road Construction will Begin on the Following:**

- Brucewood Rd
- Driftwood Rd
- Fernwood Rd
- Nagog Hill Rd (house #226 to Town Line)
- Long Ridge Rd
- Nagog Hill Rd (Main St to Greenwood Ln)
- Maple St (Main St to house #21)

This process will involve grinding, adjusting drainage structures and putting down a final course of pavement.

**Please note, the duration and schedule can change depending on the weather or other conditions that may arise.**

While the crew is working there will be no on-street parking allowed within these areas. A police officer will be in the area to direct traffic and signs will be posted.

We appreciate your cooperation and patience during this time.

If you have any questions, you may call the DPW/Highway Division during business hours (7:00 AM – 3:30 PM) at 978-929-7740 or email [highway@actonma.gov](mailto:highway@actonma.gov)

# MEMORIAL LIBRARY

## LIBRARY HOURS

Acton Memorial Library is open 9 am - 9 pm Monday through Thursday, 9 - 5 on Fridays and Saturdays and 2-5 on Sundays. The library is closed on Monday, October 11, 2021.

## BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Acton Libraries will hold a book sale at the Acton Memorial Library October 22 - 24. The Preview Sale for Friends Members is Friday evening, Oct 22, from 7-9 pm. Residents may join the Friends at the door for \$20. The Book Sale is open to the general public Saturday, Oct 23, from 9am to 4pm. Sunday, Oct 24, is 'Half-Price Day' from 2-4pm. Come out, get some great books, and support your local libraries!

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

AML has several great (and free!) events coming up in October! Learn more and register at

[ActonMemorialLibrary.org/Calendar](https://actonmemoriallibrary.org/Calendar)

### CHILDREN

#### **Outdoor Baby/Toddler Storytime**

*Tuesdays at 9:30 AM - Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26*

Drop-In; no registration required.

Located on the library lawn, canceled in bad weather

#### **Preschool Storytime**

*Thursdays at 10 AM - Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28*

Drop-In; no registration required.

Located on the library lawn, canceled in bad weather

### TEENS

#### **Dungeons and Dragons**

*Saturdays at 10 AM - Oct. 2, 16*

Grade 7 and up; Registration required.

Located on the library lawn, canceled in bad weather

### ADULTS

#### **Acton Indian-American Experiences**

*Sunday, October 2 at 4 PM*

Register to watch on Zoom or watch on YouTube. Sponsored in conjunction with the Acton Historical Society, Acton TV and Nishkam TV.

#### **Nashoba Praying Indians: A Living People, A Living Landscape**

*Monday, October 4 at 7 PM*

All Friends of Pinehawk events require registration and are free. To register for this program, go to <https://tinyurl.com/pinehawk2021program> at least two days prior to the event.

#### **Salem Witch Trials and Public Memory**

*Wednesday, October 6 at 6:30 PM*

Registration is required. Zoom program.

#### **Native American Ceremonial Stone Structures of Acton**

*Thursday, October 7 at 7 PM*

All Friends of Pinehawk events require registration and are free. To register for this program, go to <https://tinyurl.com/pinehawk2021program> at least two days prior to the event.

#### **Friends of Pine Hawk Book Discussion: "This Land is Their Land"**

*Thursday, October 14 at 7 PM*

All Friends of Pinehawk events require registration and are free. To register for this program, go to <https://tinyurl.com/pinehawk2021program> at least two days prior to the event.

#### **AML Book Group**

*Tuesday, October 19 at 7:30 PM*

This month, the Acton Memorial Library Book Group will discuss the book *The Tyranny of Merit: What's Become of the Common Good* by Michael J. Sandel. All are invited to join in discussion. Registration is required. Zoom program.

#### **Rock Art in New England**

*Wednesday, October 27 at 7 PM*

All Friends of Pinehawk events require registration and are free. To register for this program, go to <https://tinyurl.com/pinehawk2021program> at least two days prior to the event.

## STAY CONNECTED WITH AML

Stay up-to-date with announcements and library info by following on Facebook ([@ActonMemLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/ActonMemLibrary)) and Instagram ([@ActonLibrary](https://www.instagram.com/ActonLibrary)) and Twitter ([@ActonMemLibrary](https://twitter.com/ActonMemLibrary)), or by visiting [actonmemoriallibrary.org](https://actonmemoriallibrary.org)

## HEALTH DIVISION

Free Virtual Program on

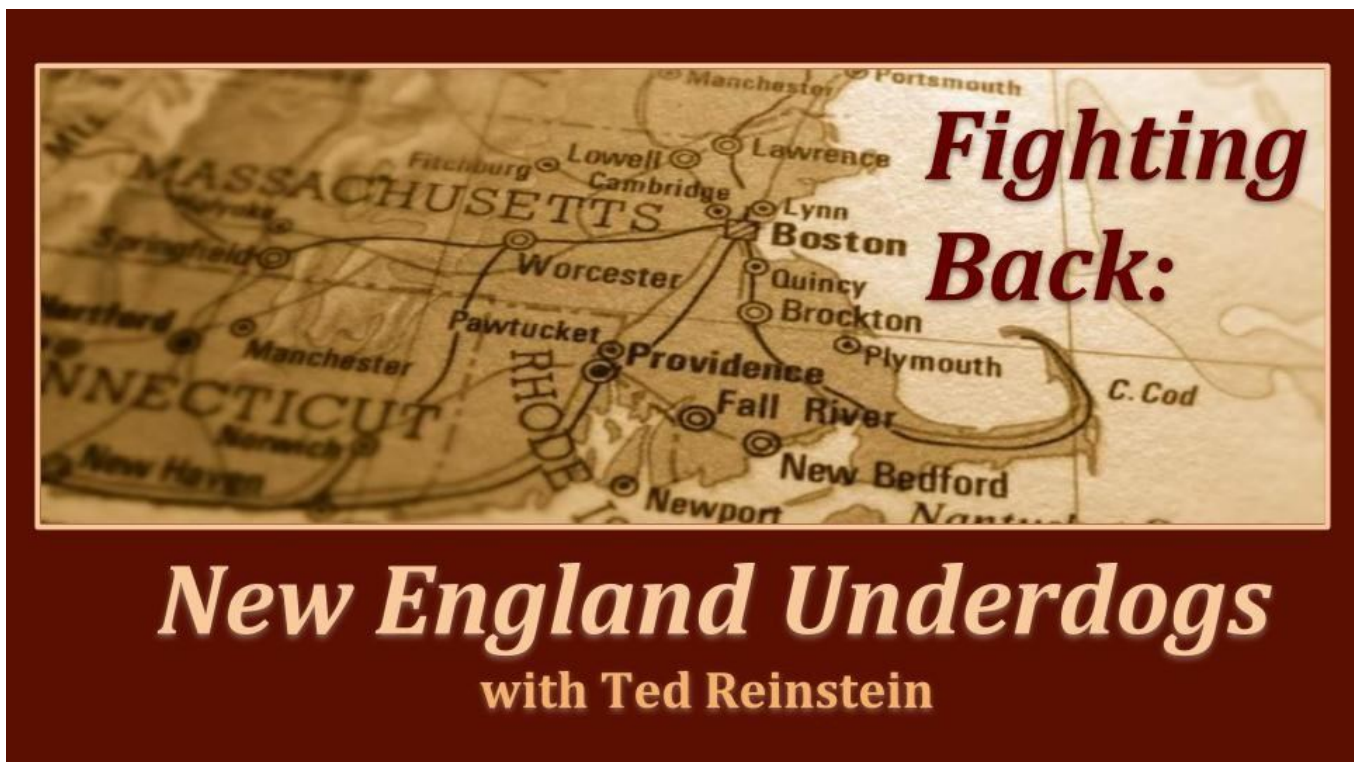
# Chronicle Reporter Ted Reinstein

## Tuesday, October 26, 2021

### 6:30—7:30 PM

### Pre-Registration Required Via Zoom

[https://actonma.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_LbwfEBs8QNi-kUQgF0ZLkw](https://actonma.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_LbwfEBs8QNi-kUQgF0ZLkw)



Author of three books about New England, Ted Reinstein has always had his eye out—and his heart open—to the region's true "underdogs." People who have had to overcome harsh challenges and sometimes (literally) crippling setbacks to survive, and even triumph, in the face of adversity. Meet underdogs like New Bedford's Lynn Donahue, who seemed destined growing up to go the way of drugs and crime, but instead ended up adding the word, "Dr." to her name. Meet Mabray "Doc" Kountze, who defied the odds—and prejudice—against him to become the first Black sportswriter to receive an official Red Sox press pass. Sometimes an underdog can be an entire city, like Gloucester, which has found a way to forge on from a heyday long gone, and a future that's uncertain. And sometimes an underdog is a small town's beloved but beleaguered landmark, as in Putney, Vermont, where *its* general store, like the mythical phoenix, rose up after burning down *twice* in less than two years! Because *that*, is what true underdogs do.

For more information please contact Sheryl Ball at the Acton Health Division  
at [sball@actonma.gov](mailto:sball@actonma.gov)

Funding for CHNA15 is provided from Lahey Hospital and medical Center and Winchester Hospital through the Massachusetts Department of of Public Health's Determination of Need (DON) process

## ACTON EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (ERAP) APPLICATION PACKET

**Town of Acton is accepting applications through  
Friday October 8, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.**

**Go to [RHSOhousing.org](https://RHSOhousing.org) for more details**

### APPLICATION PACKET

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Please read all information carefully. This packet contains:

- **Frequently Asked Questions**: See Program Guidelines for more detailed information.
- **Application Checklist**: Must be completed and submitted with application. Required documentation must be submitted to be determined eligible for the program.
- **Application**: This is a fillable document and can be completed electronically, printed out and signed or printed out and legibly filled out by hand. All applications must have required documentation and be signed to be considered complete.

### APPLICATION SUBMISSION

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It is preferred that application, checklist and required documents be submitted electronically to [info@RHSOhousing.org](mailto:info@RHSOhousing.org)

For questions: email Laura Ducharme - [lducharme@acton-ma.gov](mailto:lducharme@acton-ma.gov) or  
call 978-929-6651

Applications may be emailed to [info@RHSOhousing.org](mailto:info@RHSOhousing.org), or hard copies can be mailed or dropped at RHSO office or with the Town of Acton:

**Town of Acton**  
Council on Aging  
30 Sudbury Rd.  
Acton, MA 01720  
Attn: ERAP / Laura Ducharme

**RHSO**  
37 Knox Trail  
Acton, MA 01720  
Attn: ERAP  
*Drop off in black mail box by  
front steps*



### FREE WELLNESS SERIES FOR ALL AGES

Tuesdays October 12, 19 & 26

6:00 - 6:45 PM

Human Services Facility & Senior Center, 30R Sudbury Rd., Acton

Join Jacqui Burak for a powerful exploration into the world of energy healing. During this 3 series session, Jacqui will take you on a journey through guided visualizations to clear your energy. This process will help to promote relaxation along with anxiety and stress reduction. You will leave each session feeling lighter, calmer and more empowered with self-care tools to use at home.

**Take one or all three sessions!**

Sponsored by Acton Nursing Services

Acton Residents only

To register please call 978-929-6650

### THIS MONTH IN SUSTAINABILITY

#### SAVE THE DATE - ACTON CLIMATE ACTION PLAN OPEN HOUSE: MAPPING OUR NET ZERO EMISSION FUTURE

Join the Climate Action Planning process on **Saturday, October 16th, 2-4PM**, at the NARA Park Bathhouse Pavilion, 25 Ledge Rock Way, Acton! You're invited to voice your take on Acton's zero emissions future. (Rain date: Sunday, October 17th, 2-4PM).

Please register here: <https://bit.ly/ActonCAPOpenHouse>

Questions? Email [sustainability@actonma.gov](mailto:sustainability@actonma.gov), call (978) 929-6611, or visit <https://bit.ly/3zGFhXk> for more information.

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#### ENERGIZE ACTON: A NEW PLATFORM TO TAKE ACTION ON CLIMATE

Are you looking for more ways to act on climate with your friends and neighbors? The Energize Acton platform contains a list of actions you can take to reduce your carbon footprint and contribute to a more sustainable future. This initiative is a partnership between the Town of Acton and the Acton Climate Coalition.



Sign up and learn more here: <https://bit.ly/EnergizeActon>

## CLIMATE ACTION PLAN OPEN HOUSE: MAPPING OUR NET ZERO EMISSIONS FUTURE



You're invited to an in-person event to voice your take on the strategies to meet Acton's zero emissions future.

**WHEN:** Saturday, October 16th, 2021  
**TIME:** Drop by any time between 2-4pm  
**WHERE:** NARA Park Bathhouse Pavilion

*Rain date (only for extreme weather): Sunday, October 17th, 2-4pm*

**REGISTER HERE:**

[bit.ly/ActonCAPOpenHouse](https://bit.ly/ActonCAPOpenHouse)



Email the Sustainability Office at [sustainability@actonma.gov](mailto:sustainability@actonma.gov) or  
call 978-929-6611 for more information.

如果您想翻译有关气候行动计划的这些信息，请通过电话或电子邮件与我们联系：[abecerra@actonma.gov](mailto:abecerra@actonma.gov) 或 978-929-6515

यदि आप जलवायु कार्य योजना की जानकारी का हिंदी में अनुवाद चाहते हैं तो कृपया हमसे फ़ोन (978-929-6515) या ईमेल ([sustainability@actonma.gov](mailto:sustainability@actonma.gov)) द्वारा संपर्क करें।

Entre em contato conosco por telefone ou e-mail se desejar que esta informação sobre o Plano de Ação Climática de Acton seja traduzida: [sustainability@actonma.gov](mailto:sustainability@actonma.gov) ou 978-929-6515

Comuníquese con nosotros por teléfono o correo electrónico si desea que esta información sobre el Plan de Acción Climática de Acton sea traducida: [sustainability@actonma.gov](mailto:sustainability@actonma.gov) o 978-929-6515





**Monster Bash**  
**Blacklight DJ Dance Party**

- Costume Contest
- Fun Dances & Games
- Flashlight Candy Hunt (BYO flashlight & treat bag)

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2021**  
**FROM 7- 9 PM**  
**NARA PARK BATHHOUSE PAVILION**  
Pre-registration is required - sorry, no walk-ins.  
**REGISTER AT: ACTONREC.COM**  
**\$5 PER PERSON, ALL AGES**



**HOWL-O-WEEN**  
**SUN, OCT. 24**  
**12:00 - 2:00 PM**  
**NARA PARK AMPHITHEATER**  
**FREE CONCERT!**  
**THE SCOOPY SNAX BAND!**  
**TOP DOG PRIZES**  
**ENTER YOUR CANINE (\$10 PER DOG) IN OUR**  
**DOGGIE HOWL-O-WEEN COSTUME CONTEST**  
**REGISTER ONLINE @ ACTONREC.COM OR PAY AT EVENT**  
**HOSTED BY THE ACTON RECREATION DEPARTMENT & ACTON DOG PARK COMMITTEE**  
**ALL PROCEEDS FROM COSTUME CONTEST TO BENEFIT**  
**ACTON DOG PARK!**

Dogs must be on a leash (non-retractable) no greater than 6'. Dogs must be licensed and current with all shots. Owners must clean up after their dog.

## FALL & WINTER CLASSES NOW ONLINE!

VISIT [ACTONREC.COM](https://actonrec.com) FOR DETAILS AND TO REGISTER:

**Children:** Super Soccer Stars, Amazing Athletes, No School Day Program, Floorball4All, Jump2BFit!, Pokemania, Minecraft Animation Studio, Castles-Kingdoms and Wizards, Anatomy Academy, Code Wiz Coding Classes, Basketball, Flag Football, Vanta E-Sports, Think For Fun Programs, Fairytale/Disney Dance, Beg/Int. Ballet, Beg/Int. Hip Hop, Stage Music Center programs and more as we continually add!

**Tweens:** Tennis, Floorball4All, Jump2BFit!, Code Wiz Coding Classes, Vanta E-Sports, Think For Fun Programs, Beg/Int. Lyrical Dance, Intermediate Jazz and more to come!

**DO YOU GET OUR E-NEWSLETTER? STAY UP-TO-DATE ON THE LATEST...**

The Recreation's Department e-newsletter is packed with all good things recreation! To be added to the distribution list, please send an email to: [recreation@actonma.gov](mailto:recreation@actonma.gov).

**Building a sense of community through quality recreation.**

**[ACTONREC.COM](https://actonrec.com)**



## Water Supply District of Acton

693 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE  
P.O. BOX 953  
ACTON, MASSACHUSETTS 01720

TELEPHONE (978) 263-9107

FAX (978) 264-0148

### Acton Water District Fall Water Main Flushing 2021

The Acton Water District will begin its fall water main flushing program on Monday, October 4, 2021 and will continue through the month of October. We will be flushing water mains northeast of Rt 2 in the vicinity of Great Road (Rt 2A/119) and Main Street (Rt 27) to the Westford/Carlisle/Littleton town lines, and intersecting streets and neighborhoods (North Acton).

Discolored water and periods of low pressure may be experienced on, or in the general vicinity of, any of the streets being flushed. We will place road signs in the vicinity prior to initiating flushing on any street. Areas outside of the flushing zone may also experience some of these conditions, although the program is designed to minimize widespread impacts.

Flushing will occur between the hours of 8 AM and 8 PM Monday - Thursday. We will not be flushing on Monday, October 11, 2021, due to Indigenous Peoples' Day holiday. At any time during this period, customers may experience discolored water. It is advisable to draw and store some drinking water prior to flushing. Any customers experiencing discolored water should not launder light-colored clothing, or run their dishwashers, as the minerals in the water may cause staining.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. This process is necessary for improving water quality in our distribution system, exercising valves and hydrants, and to clean mineral deposits from the pipes to minimize future incidents of discolored water.

For updates on areas being flushed, please refer to the Water District web site at [www.actonwater.com](http://www.actonwater.com), or call 978-263-9107, Mon-Fri 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM. You may also follow us on Twitter @Actonwater.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we conduct this necessary maintenance activity.

# DIRECTORY OF TOWN DEPARTMENTS

**TOWN SERVICES HOTLINE - (978) 929-6600**

<b><u>Department</u></b>	<b><u>Phone Number</u></b>	<b><u>E-Mail</u></b>
Acton Nursing Services	978-929-6650	<a href="mailto:nursing@actonma.gov">nursing@actonma.gov</a>
Assessors Division	978-929-6621	<a href="mailto:assessor@actonma.gov">assessor@actonma.gov</a>
Building Division	978-929-6633	<a href="mailto:building@actonma.gov">building@actonma.gov</a>
Cemetery Division	978-929-6642	<a href="mailto:cemetery@actonma.gov">cemetery@actonma.gov</a>
West Acton Citizens' Library	978-929-6654	<a href="mailto:wacl@actonma.gov">wacl@actonma.gov</a>
Collector/Treasurer Division	978-929-6622	<a href="mailto:collector@actonma.gov">collector@actonma.gov</a>
Community Resources	978-929-6651	<a href="mailto:lducharme@actonma.gov">lducharme@actonma.gov</a>
Council on Aging	978-929-6652	<a href="mailto:seniorcenter@actonma.gov">seniorcenter@actonma.gov</a>
Engineering Division	978-929-6630	<a href="mailto:engineering@actonma.gov">engineering@actonma.gov</a>
Fire Department	978-929-7722	<a href="mailto:fire@actonma.gov">fire@actonma.gov</a>
Health Division	978-929-6632	<a href="mailto:health@actonma.gov">health@actonma.gov</a>
Highway Division & Transfer Station	978-929-7740 978-929-7742	<a href="mailto:highway@actonma.gov">highway@actonma.gov</a>
Human Resources Department	978-929-6613	<a href="mailto:hr@actonma.gov">hr@actonma.gov</a>
Information Technology Department	978-929-6612	<a href="mailto:it@actonma.gov">it@actonma.gov</a>
Acton Memorial Library	978-929-6655	<a href="http://actonmemoriallibrary.org">actonmemoriallibrary.org</a>
Municipal Properties Division	978-929-7744	<a href="mailto:mpo@actonma.gov">mpo@actonma.gov</a>
Natural Resources Division	978-929-6634	<a href="mailto:NR@actonma.gov">NR@actonma.gov</a>
Planning Division	978-929-6631	<a href="mailto:planning@actonma.gov">planning@actonma.gov</a>
Police Department	978-929-7711	<a href="mailto:police@actonma.gov">police@actonma.gov</a>
Public Facilities Division	978-929-7744	<a href="mailto:mpo@actonma.gov">mpo@actonma.gov</a>
Public Works Department	978-929-7740	<a href="mailto:highway@actonma.gov">highway@actonma.gov</a>
Recreation Division	978-929-6640	<a href="mailto:recreation@actonma.gov">recreation@actonma.gov</a>
Town Clerk Division	978-929-6620	<a href="mailto:clerk@actonma.gov">clerk@actonma.gov</a>
Town Manager's Office	978-929-6611	<a href="mailto:manager@actonma.gov">manager@actonma.gov</a>
Veterans' Services	978-929-6614	<a href="mailto:vso@actonma.gov">vso@actonma.gov</a>
Acton Water District	978-263-9107	<a href="http://www.actonwater.com">www.actonwater.com</a>